

GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING REQUESTS FOR RESTRICTING THROUGH TRUCKS ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

Chapter 580.

~~Section 46.2-809 (formerly Section 46.1-171.2) of the Code of Virginia provides:~~

~~"The State Highway and Transportation Board (formerly Commission) in response to a formal request by a local governing body, after said body has held public hearings, may, after due notice and a proper hearing, prohibit or restrict the use by through traffic or any part of a secondary highway if a reasonable alternate route is provided, except in cities and any town which maintains its own streets, or any county which owns, operates and maintains its own system of roads and streets, by any truck or truck and trailer or semitrailer combination, except a pickup or panel truck, as may be necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Nothing herein shall affect the validity of any city charter provision or city ordinance heretofore adopted."~~

24 VAC 30-580-10. Purpose.

It is the philosophy of the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all vehicles should have access to the roads on which they are legally entitled to travel. Travel by any class of vehicle on any class of highway should be restricted only upon demonstration that it will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth without creating an undue hardship on any of the users of the transportation system. The board recognizes that there may be a limited number of instances when restricting through trucks from using a segment of a primary or secondary roadway will reduce potential conflicts, creating a safer environment and one that is in accord with the current use of the roadway. The board has adopted these guidelines

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to govern and regulate requests for through truck restrictions on primary and secondary highways.

24 VAC 30-580-20. Authority to restrict truck traffic on primary and secondary highways.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board delegates the authority to restrict through truck traffic on secondary highways to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Such restrictions can apply to any truck, truck and trailer or semitrailer combination, or any combination of those classifications. Consideration of all such restrictions by the Commissioner is subject to these guidelines as adopted by the board. The board shall retain authority to restrict through truck traffic on primary highways.

24 VAC 30-580-30. Local governing body process for requesting truck traffic restrictions.

~~To~~ In order to conform to the requirements of § 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia, and to insure that all concerned parties have an opportunity to provide input, the local governing body must hold a public hearing and make a formal request of the Department. ~~To insure that all concerned have an opportunity to provide input concerning the proposed restriction and alternate route, the~~

The following must be adhered to:

~~(A)~~ 1. The public notices for the hearing must include a description of the proposed through truck restriction and the alternate route with the same termini. A copy of the notices must be provided.

~~(B)~~ 2. A public hearing must be held by the local governing body and a transcript of the hearing must be provided with the resolution.

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~~(C)~~ 3. The resolution must describe the proposed through truck restriction and a description of the alternate, including termini.

~~(D)~~ 4. The governing body must include in the resolution that it will use its good offices for enforcement of the proposed restriction by the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Failure to comply with ~~(A)~~, ~~(B)~~, ~~(C)~~ and ~~(D)~~ the requirements listed above will result in the request being returned. The Commissioner shall act upon any such formal request within nine months of its receipt, unless good cause is shown.

24 VAC 30-580-40. Criteria for reviewing requested through truck restrictions.

~~It is the philosophy of the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all vehicles should have access to the roads on which they are legally entitled to travel. Travel by any class of vehicle should be restricted only upon demonstration that it will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth without creating an undue hardship on any users of the transportation network. Following that philosophy, the~~ The Virginia Department of Transportation staff and the Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider criteria 1 through 4 in reviewing a requested through truck restriction. The proposed restriction must meet both the first and second criteria in order to be approved:

~~(1.)~~ Reasonable alternate routing is provided. The alternate route will be evaluated for traffic and safety related impacts. To be considered "reasonable," the alternate route(s) or routes must be engineered to a standard sufficient for truck travel, and must be judged at least as appropriate for truck traffic as the requested truck restriction route. ~~The effect on the alternate routing will be evaluated for traffic and safety related impacts.~~ If an alternate contains a secondary route that

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must be upgraded, ~~funds must be provided from the county secondary construction funds~~ the improvement shall be completed before the truck restriction can be implemented. The termini of the proposed restriction must be identical to the alternate routing ~~and effectively equivalent to~~ allow a time and distance comparison to be conducted between the two routings. Also, the alternate routing must not create an undue hardship for trucks in reaching their destination.

~~(2) The road requested for restriction is functionally classified as local or collector.~~

~~(3) 2.~~ 2. The character ~~and/or~~ and/or frequency, or both, of the truck traffic on the route proposed for restriction is not compatible with the affected area. Evaluation will include safety issues, accident history, engineering of the roadway, vehicle composition, and other traffic engineering related issues, ~~and will take into account the volumes of truck traffic in relation to the remaining traffic as indicated by the following table:~~

Total Traffic Volume Ranges	Total Truck Volume Ranges
4,000+	200
2,000 – 4,000	100 – 200
1,000 – 2,000	50 – 100
400 – 1000	20 – 50
250 – 400	13 – 20
50 – 250	3 – 13

~~(4) The engineering of the roadway and/or the accident history of the route proposed for restriction indicate that it is not suitable for truck traffic.~~

~~(5) Within 150' of the existing or proposed roadway center line there must be at least 12 dwellings per 1000 feet of roadway.~~

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In addition to meeting the first two criteria listed above, the proposed restriction must meet either the third or the fourth criteria listed below in order to be approved.

3. The roadway is residential in nature. Typically, the roadway will be judged to be residential if there are at least 12 dwellings combined on both sides within 150 feet of the existing or proposed roadway center line per 1,000 feet of roadway.

4. The roadway must be functionally classified as either a local or collector.

Failure to satisfy at least three (3) of the five (5) criteria 1 and 2, and either criteria 3 or 4 will normally result in rejection of the requested restriction.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board, from time to time as appropriate and when deemed necessary, may modify ~~and~~ or revise any provisions or criteria contained in these guidelines.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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Date